

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Life-saving device that comprises a storage unit (1; 101; 201), an opening (3; 203) arranged at one end of the storage unit (1; 101; 201), a rope (10; 210) attached to the storage unit (1; 101; 201), said rope (10; 210) being received inside the storage unit (1; 101; 201) when the rope (10; 210) is in inactive position, a weight (9; 207) and a floating body (7; 207), that a closed lifting loop (15; 215) is connected to the rope (10; 210) or that in the area of the end of the storage unit (101) that faces away from the opening (3) a fastening means (19) is connected to the rope (10), said fastening means (19) having a coupling function and may be detachably engaged with the rope (10), characterized in that a portion of the rope (10; 210) is designed as a gripping ladder (10A ; 210A).

2. (original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the gripping ladder (10A ; 210A) comprises a number of loops (11; 211).

3. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that the storage unit (1) has elongated pockets (21) for receiving the lifting loop (15), and that the lifting loop (15), along a portion of its length, is equipped with stiffening means.

4. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that the floating body/the

weight body constitutes a life buoy (207), and that the storage unit (201) in inactive position is clamped in the opening of the life buoy (207).

5. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the lifting loop (15; 215) has a means (16; 216) that is displaceable along the lifting loop (15; 215) in order to adjust the effective length of the lifting loop (15; 215).

6. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that a second loop (17) is connected to the lifting loop (15).

7. (original) Device according to claim 6, characterized in that a fastening means (19) with coupling function is attached to the second loop (17), and that this fastening means (19) can be brought to a detachable engagement with the rope (10).

8. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 6 or 7~~ claim 6, characterized in that the storage unit (1; 101) has a pocket (20) for the fastening means (19).

9. (currently amended) Device according to ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the weight (9; 207) is integrated with the floating body (7; 207).

10. (currently amended) Device according to ~~claims 2 or 3 or 5~~ claim 2, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

11. (new) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the storage unit (1) has elongated pockets (21) for receiving the lifting loop (15), and that the lifting loop (15), along a portion of its length, is equipped with stiffening means.

12. (new) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the floating body/the weight body constitutes a life buoy (207), and that the storage unit (201) in inactive position is clamped in the opening of the life buoy (207).

13. (new) Device according to claim 7, characterized in that the storage unit (1; 101) has a pocket (20) for the fastening means (19).

14. (new) Device according to claim 3, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

15. (new) Device according to claim 5, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

16. (new) Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

17. (new) Device according to claim 7, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

18. (new) Device according to claim 8, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.

19. (new) Device according to claim 9, characterized in that the first loop (13)/the rope portion (206) is covered with a material that protects against sunlight/ultraviolet radiation.